

EPA/States PFAS Pesticide Packaging Meeting

1/19/2021 3:00 – 3:45

Attendees (from roll call and Teams):

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries: Tony Cofer

ADEM: Jeff Kitchens, Scott Ramsey, Stephanie Childress, Theo Pinson and Samantha Simms

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Kelly Friend, Courtney Frazier, Erin Moffett

FDEP: John Truitt, Tim Bahr, Teresa Booeshaghi

GA Department of Agriculture: Jennifer Wren, Derrick Lastinger, Rick Hayes, Jesse Kelly

GA EPD: Rick Dunn, Jac Capp

Kentucky Department of Agriculture: Michael Williams, Dana Feldman

KYDEP: Larry Taylor

MS Dept. of Agriculture and Commerce: Laura Vollar, Michael Ledlow, Denise Clanton

MS Dept of Health: William Moody

MDEQ: Chris Sanders

North Carolina Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Jim Burnette, Sydney Ross, Renee Woody, Patrick Jones, Jennifer Johnston, Dwight Seal, Gwen Minton

NCDEQ: John Nicholson and Sharon Martin

SC Dept Agriculture: Adam Leaphart

Clemson University Pesticide Program: Tim Drake, Mike Weyman

SCDHEC: Myra Reese, Frances Marshall, Byron Amick

TN Dept. of Agriculture: Tom Womack, Kathy Booker

TDEC: Elaine Boyd, David Salyers

EPA Attendees: John Belvins, Rob Buso, Jeaneanne Gettle, Brandi Jenkins, Aaryn Jones, Larry Lamberth, Ken Mitchell, Carol Monell, Keriema Newman, Suzanne Rubini, Brian Smith, Susan Park, Donnette Sturdivant, Nancy McKee Perez, Cesar Zapata, Mary Walker

Of Note:

- 1) GA EPD and GA Dept of Ag will be conducting a site visit at the Inhance Technologies, College Park facility on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Compilation of Questions/Concerns:

- 1) Concerns with container disposal, reuse, or recycling:
 - a. ADEM: Empty pesticide containers are typically reused. Should these containers be disposed of instead?
 - b. NC DACS: North Carolina has a robust plastic pesticide container recycling program (they recycle 442,000 lbs. of plastic containers from pesticides each year). Should states shift these recycle programs to disposal?
 - c. FL DACS: Will consumer be able to call number to return container?
- 2) Gathering of information / Information dissemination:
 - a. FL DACS: Is currently reaching out to their local mosquito control and agricultural offices and talking to ag. associations to gather questions.
 - b. GA EPD: How will information be disseminated to counties and cities? In GA, the state doesn't manage mosquito control.
 - c. KY Dept. Ag: Who is responsible for outreach to counties and cities? If so, what specific information is needed? What is the expectation? It is also important to include local health departments.
 - d. Clemson University Pesticide program: Need to know more specific information so that they can get word out to farmers. Timing concerns given pesticide applications can start in February. When will information from the TSCA subpoena be released?

- e. SCDHEC: Will be getting together with state folks to reach out to farmers and state pest control applicators.
- f. MS DAC: Reiterated need for clear direction from EPA on this.
- 3) Concerns regarding Fate / Transport:
 - a. FL DACS: Are there implications to food crop application?
 - b. FDEP: Do we have a conceptual site model or modes of release?
- 4) Guidance on how to respond to the public's inquiry based from EPA's press release.
 - a. FL DACS: Seeks guidance on risk communications
 - b. GA EPD: Requested talking points on air inhalation.
- 5) Concerns regarding the pesticide and manufacturer:
 - a. FL DACS: What is the EPA chemical/pesticide registration number and were there certain lot numbers associated with the contaminated containers? Is EPA trusting Clarke to do a product recall or otherwise reach out to those who purchased affected product? How far back does this go?
 - b. GA Dept Ag: Georgia has two Inhance manufacturing facilities. Looking for guidance on information to gather from these facilities.
 - c. KY Dept Ag: Is this limited to Anvil only or other products that the same manufacturer produces?
 - d. KYDEP: Are there other companies that manufacture these fluorinated containers that may also have an issue? Also are there other fluorinated containers that may be of issue that are not related to pesticide containers?
 - e. SC Dept Ag: Would like to be notified if there are any additional products they need to be on the look-out for.
 - f. TN Dept Ag: Is EPA having manufacturers or distributors do anything at this time? i.e. evaluate their containers?
- 6) Concerns regarding pesticide disposal:
 - a. NC DACS: This may overwhelm the pesticide disposal assistance program in our state.
- 7) Concerns regarding potential factors impacting release of PFAS from the container:
 - a. Clemson U: Do we know to what degree long term storage or hot/cold storage conditions might affect the concentration of PFAS leaching?